

CAPT. BAKER SHOOTS MAN IN SELF-DEFENSE

HOBBO HAD DELIBERATELY FIRED
HIS PISTOL AT HIM.

Kindhearted Senator From Sumter
Spared Life of His Assailant Under
Trying Circumstances.

Early Sunday morning Captain D. H. Baker of Orange Home, in order to protect his own life, was forced to shoot a man at his place. Captain Baker regrets the occurrence very much, but under the circumstances it was unavoidable.

The facts in the case, as learned by a Times man from a reliable source, are about as follows:

For about ten days some person or persons have been deprecatating in various ways around Capt. Baker's place. They would go into the grove and take oranges out on the railroad, eat what they wanted and leave a dozen or more scattered around; would also enter the barn where peanuts were stored, and pick the nuts off the vines. On Sunday morning a man working for Capt. Baker reported that he saw a man come from the barn. He went up to the pump, got a drink of water, washed and walked very brazenly out at the front gate, as though he was perfectly familiar with the premises, eating peanuts as he went. It being Sunday, and the Captain not wishing to have any trouble, did not molest him. The man then went up the railroad and entered the grove, climbing the fence. Capt. Baker then picked up his gun for protection and went to the grove, and when he got to the grove gate the man came out over the fence and stopped by a pine tree by the side of the road. Capt. Baker stepped into the road and said: "Well, sir, someone has been stealing oranges here for some time, and I guess I have found the man." They stood in the road and parleyed for a few moments, and then the Captain told him that he would have to detain him until he could "phone to Wildwood for a deputy sheriff and would have to hold him until the next day, (as this was Sunday), then give him a hearing. He kept by the tree, and Capt. Baker told him to "move on down the road towards the house, as I am going to turn you over to the sheriff."

At this instant he fired at Captain Baker at range of about ten feet with a .38-calibre revolver. He was so quick about it Capt. Baker did not have time to take his gun off his shoulder. Capt. Baker then stepped back two or three steps, and said: "Don't shoot any more; don't shoot any more." He raised his revolver and took rest against the tree to shoot again. As he did this Capt. Baker shot at the man's pistol. Capt. Baker said that he did not see the man, as he was watching the pistol, and felt that his only chance was to put that out of business. He cut the bark from the tree and put one shot in the cylinder of the man's revolver, who was behind the tree all the time. He still made further effort to shoot.

The Captain called to him to put his pistol down or he would shoot him, not knowing he had already hit him. After repeated efforts he found that his pistol would not work, and said: "You have already shot me; you have broken my arm," and dropped his pistol.

Capt. Baker said: "I did all I could to keep from shooting, and after he took one fair shot and missed his mark, he was in no danger whatever until he raised his gun, took a rest against the side of the tree to make doubly sure of the next shot, I thought then it my duty to protect myself."

The man was tramping through the country and had about sixty dollars on his person. He first gave his name as Brown, then Lindsay. He was shot in the breast and his arm was broken.

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but from last accounts was resting easy, and will probably recover. — Sumter County Times.

Capt. Baker is State Senator from Marion and Sumter counties and owns a fine orange grove at Orange Home, Sumter county, where he lives. He was a member of the board of trustees of the old East Florida Seminary, and is well known in Gainesville. He is a native of Kentucky and represented his county in the Legislature of that State when a very young man. There is not a better man in all Florida, and those who know him will unhesitatingly take his word as to how the affair occurred.

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Mr. Beach Had a Hunt.

Deputy Sheriff J. A. Beach of Trenton was in the city Monday.

Deputy Beach stated that he was among a party of hunters from his section last week that went to LaFayette county, and camped in the wilds. The party was very successful in killing deer and turkey, and among other wild game he killed three bear (approximated) and other game, which they considered a fine report.

The party comprised W. F. Beach, J. M. Love, J. H. Osteen, T. M. Griffin and Mit and Chapel Ellis of Fort White.

Everything passed off quietly. There was plenty of wild game and good sport, and everybody seemed to be well pleased.

Mr. Beach is always the fellow to "admit things" when it comes to shooting, and he decided with everyone that the hunt was "just exactly" as they counted it, only he thought he should have had one more deer.

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EDUCATORS TO HAVE A BIG CONVENTION

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Many Issues of Importance Will Be
Discussed, Among Which Will Be
Mode of Teaching Agriculture.

With a view to giving the children of Alachua county the best service possible for the educational enlightenment in the public schools, the Board of Public Instruction at its last regular meeting directed that a teachers' institute, for white teachers, be held for Thursday night and Friday, the 25th and 26th inst., and inasmuch as there will no doubt be a large attendance there will no doubt result a great deal of good from this convention.

Through the careful study of Superintendent J. L. Kelley, in connection with members of the school board, patrons this year are blessed with the finest and most efficient corps of educators the county has ever had, not only in the larger and higher grade schools, but in institutions of all classes. After a thorough investigation of each individual application for position as teacher, the result has been that none but competent instructors, according to grade, have been employed.

Dr. Kelley's Order.

In accordance with instructions of the school board, Dr. J. L. Kelley, Superintendent of Public Instruction, has issued the following order, a copy of which will be forwarded to every white teacher in the county:

"The Board of Public Instruction, at their last meeting, ordered me to hold a Teachers' Institute in this city, beginning November 25th at 8 p. m., and closing Friday night. You will therefore close your school at the usual time on Wednesday, 24th, and reopen on Monday, the 29th. Do not fail to obey this order. No white school must be run these two days, and if anyone do so they will not be paid for the same. All who attend the Institute will be paid for full time, and in reporting these days, record the average attendance for Wednesday for Thursday and Friday."

"I am instructed by the board to order every white teacher in Alachua county to be present at the first session of the Institute on Thursday evening. I hope you will cheerfully comply with this order, just as much as you would any other order given. Do not ask to be excused, as no excuse will be accepted, unless it be for Providential hindrance."

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